

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, paragraph beginning at line 2, please replace with the following paragraph:

The rack guide 60 is a means for pressing a back surface of the rack shaft 26 opposite from a rack shaft's surface having the rack 26a, and it has a guide portion 61 contacting the back surface of the rack shaft 26 and an adjusting [bold] bolt 63 for adjustably pressing the guide portion 61 via an adjusting spring 62 such as a compression spring.

Page 13, paragraph beginning at line 16, please replace with the following paragraph:

Because the worm 47 is a single-thread worm, the accuracy of the pitch P_i of the threads can be enhanced with utmost ease. Also, unlike the conventional [double-tread] double-thread worm 121 of Fig. 10, there is no need to provide uniform pitch accuracy for the individual threads. Therefore, it is possible to effectively reduce the amount of variation in the steering torque that would result from the variation in the frictional force of the sliding surface of the worm wheel 48 against the sliding surface of the worm 47, thereby permitting smooth operation of the steering wheel 21 (see Fig. 1). As a result, an improved steering feel is achieved.

Page 16, paragraph beginning at line 22, please replace with the following paragraph:

When the worm wheel 48 is rotated, and if the frictional force varies per rotation of the worm wheel 48, the rotational force F_2 would vary in accordance with the varying frictional force. Because the variation in the rotational force F_2 undesirably influences the steering torque, it is preferable to minimize the variation in the rotational force F_2 .